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SUBJECT: LIBERIA REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL US ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE

REF: MONROVIA 4709;STATE 186646

1. EMBASSY MAY USE FOLLOWTNG TEXT DRAFTED BY DEPT AND
AID/W IN REPLYING TO GOLAIDE-MEMOIRE REQUESTING ADDI-
TIONAL US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT SHARES THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA'S
CONCERN OVER THE SEVERE ECONOMIC PROBLEM CAUSED BY
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SUDDEN INCREASES IN OIL PRICES. THESE INCREASES HAVE

AFFECTED DONOR STATES AS WELL AS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES SHOULD ASSUME PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MITIGATING HARDSHIPS PROVOKED BY PETROLEUM PRICE INCREASES AND APPLAUDS LIBERIA'S INITIATIVES AIMED AT OVERCOMING SERIOUS BALANCE OF PAYMENT PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THESE INCREASES.

2. IN THE MONTHS SINCE SECRETARY KISSINGER ADDRESSED THE SIXTH SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS HAVE ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO

PROVIDE AT LEAST TEMPORARY RELIEF TO THE DEVELOPING STATES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE PETROLEUM PRICE INCREASES. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS SUPPORTED THESE INITIATIVES.

3. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL WAS NOT ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IT IS ALSO UNLIKELY THERE WILL BE ANY SUBSTANTIAL AMERICAN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE THIS YEAR. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS SENSITIVE TO LIBERIA'S NEEDS AND PLANS TO REMAIN A SOURCE OF SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE. THE UNITED STATES ALSO WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ITS DEVELOPMENT AID ON THOSE SECTORS CONSIDERED MOST IMPORTANT BY THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT, I.E., RURAL HEALTH, RURAL TRANSPORTATION, AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

4. THE MINISTRY SUGGESTED IN ITS AIDE MEMOIRE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MIGHT TAKE CERTAIN STEPS TO ENCOURAGE AMERICAN PETROLEUM COMPANIES TO EXPLORE FOR OIL IN AND OFFSHORE LIBERIA. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO NOTE THAT THE SUBJECT OF AMERICAN OIL COMPANY OPERATIONS ABROAD AND THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH OPERATIONS ARE TREATED FOR UNITED STATES TAX PURPOSES IS CURRENTLY THE SUBJECT OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION. THE MINISTRY IS OF COURSE AWARE THAT DECISIONS ON WHERE TO INVEST FUNDS FOR EXPLORATIONS ARE MOTIVATED PRIMARILY BY TECHNICAL DATA. END TEXT.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER NOTE TO GOL ASAP AS DEPARTMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOPES IT MAY TEMPER LIBERIAN EXPECTATIONS DURING TOLBERT'S VISIT TO US. INGERSOLL

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